

We claim:

1. A system comprising:
  - a purchaser terminal;
  - a vendor terminal;
  - a means for storing scheduling data, said means configured to store a date; and
  - a processor coupled to said purchaser terminal and to said vendor terminal via Internetand further coupled to said scheduling data storage means, wherein said processor is configured to generate and transmit to said vendor terminal, on said date stored in said scheduling data storage means, a notification message, to receive in response thereto a response message from said vendor terminal, and to distribute said response message to said purchaser terminal.
2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said scheduling data storage means comprises a plurality of dates, each said date corresponding to one of a plurality of events.
3. The system according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of events corresponds to a plurality of deadlines in a project.
4. The system according to claim 3, wherein said system further comprises a means for storing contact information, coupled to said processor and configured to store, for each said event, contact information corresponding to a user of said vendor terminal who knows if a deadline for said event is met.
5. The system according to claim 4, wherein said processor is configured to transmit

said notification message to said contact information corresponding to said event.

6. The system according to claim 5, wherein said scheduling data storage means is further configured to identify, for each said event, at least one related event.

7. The system according to claim 6, wherein said at least one related event corresponds to an event which is effected by a change in a deadline of another event.

8. The system according to claim 7, wherein said contact information storage means is further configured to store contact information corresponding to each said related event.

9. The system according to claim 8, wherein said processor is configured to distribute said response message to said contact information corresponding to said related event.

10. The system according to claim 9, wherein said contact information corresponding to said related event includes contact information corresponding to a third party vendor.

11. A method for tracking a performance of a vendor during a project, said method comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage means, scheduling data including a date;

generating, by a processor coupled to a purchaser terminal and to a vendor terminal via Internet and further coupled to said scheduling data storage means, a notification message on said date stored in said scheduling data storage means;

transmitting said notification message to said vendor terminal;  
receiving in response thereto a response message from said vendor terminal; and  
distributing said response message to said purchaser terminal.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein said method further comprises storing in said scheduling data storage means a plurality of dates, each said date corresponding to one of a plurality of events.

13. The method according to claim 12, wherein said plurality of events corresponds to a plurality of deadlines in a project.

14. The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of storing, in a contact information storage means coupled to said processor, for each said event, contact information corresponding to a user of said vendor terminal who knows if a deadline for said event is met.

15. The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of transmitting said notification message to said contact information corresponding to said event.

16. The method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of identifying, for each said event, at least one related event.

17. The method according to claim 16, wherein said at least one related event

corresponds to an event which is effected by a change in a deadline of another event.

18. The method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of storing contact information corresponding to each said related event.

19. The method according to claim 18, wherein said distributing step further comprises distributing said response message to said contact information corresponding to said related event.

20. The method according to claim 19, further comprising the steps of:  
storing contact information corresponding to a third party vendor and distributing said response message to said contact information of said third party vendor.

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